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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 26, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 26, 2021, at 2:24 p.m.:

Appointment:

Smithsonian American Women's History
Museum Advisory Council.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

WISHING ATLANTA BRAVES GOOD LUCK IN WORLD SERIES

(Ms. BOURDEAUX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BOURDEAUX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the tremendous achievement of the Atlanta Braves and wish them good luck in their first World Series since 1999.

The story of the 2021 Braves is one of resiliency. The team lost two of their stars—Ronald Acuna, Jr., and Mike Soroka—to injuries early this season.

Despite these setbacks, the Braves persevered and won the National League's Eastern Division title for the fourth year in a row.

The Braves have been underdogs in each of their playoff series, but thanks to big performances by players such as Eddie Rosario, whose 14 hits against the Dodgers tied the record for the most hits in a single series, tonight, they will take the field to compete in the World Series.

Many of the players on the Braves' roster honed their skills in Georgia's Seventh District, playing for the Gwinnett Stripers, the Braves' Triple-A affiliate in Lawrenceville.

The 2021 Atlanta Braves embody the never-quit spirit of the State of Georgia, and I wish them good luck as they begin the World Series tonight.

My family, staff, and people of Seventh District are cheering you on. Go Braves.

CALLING FOR CREATION OF A FORMAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE TRUE ORIGIN OF COVID-19

(Mr. CAWTHORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, Dr. Fauci has forsaken his Hippocratic oath and exchanged it for the mantle of unchecked power. His policies shuttered the U.S. economy, drove our country into financial upheaval, and violated the rights of millions of Americans.

In July, he willfully lied to the U.S. Senate about his role in funding gain-of-function research in Wuhan, China.

This week, the world was shocked to discover that through an experiment under his watch, sweet beagle puppies had their heads stuffed into crates so that sand flies could slowly strip away the skin from their bones. These defenseless animals were damned to agonize in silence because their vocal cords had been surgically ripped from their throats so that their tormentors could discharge their evil actions without having to hear incessant yapping.

Madam Speaker, today I am calling for the creation of a formal commission to investigate the true origin of COVID-19, the role Fauci played in its creation, the false statements he made to Members of Congress under oath, and why the hell Americans are funding the torture of puppies in Africa.

Americans deserve the truth, and this demon doctor must never be allowed to escape justice.

STANDING UP FOR IMMIGRANTS

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of every single TPS holder, DACA recipient, essential worker, and farmworker in this country who have pleaded for this Congress to act; not just today, Madam Speaker, but for the last 35 years.

During the pandemic, our Nation's undocumented immigrants rose to the occasion. They kept our grocery shelves stocked, packing warehouses running, and cleaning and sanitizing businesses, caring for our families—particularly our seniors, Madam Speaker—and delivering food right to our doorsteps while this country came to a standstill—to a halt.

Our praise and lip service are simply not enough. How can we build back better without delivering for those who delivered for us—literally delivered for us—during this pandemic? Building back better means providing real reform for our undocumented neighbors.

There are about 5 million undocumented immigrants who risked their lives during the worst pandemic in our history. They risked their lives each

and every day, and the countless more that kept this country afloat, like our more than 30,000 DACA recipients who stepped up for us and worked on the front lines as physicians, residents, nurses, and paramedics.

Madam Speaker, let's stand up for immigrants.

BIDEN ENERGY CRISIS

(Mr. MOORE of Alabama asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, Democrats are always looking for a new way to pick your pocket. Their latest scheme, tucked away in their reconciliation bill, is a heat your home tax just in time for winter.

This tax would eliminate almost 90,000 American jobs and increase Americans' heating bills by up to \$242 per year. Pain from the heat your home tax would hit Americans who are already suffering from the Biden energy crisis.

The national average for a gallon of gasoline reached \$3.38 on Monday—the most Americans have paid since Biden was Vice President. And the heating home costs are already projected to rise as much as 54 percent on some homes and households in America.

This crisis is driven by bad policies. On Joe Biden's first day in office, he killed 11,000 American jobs by blocking the Keystone pipeline. Basically, Joe Biden's energy policy is this: You kill the Keystone pipeline and then you allow Russia a green light to build a pipeline, and then you beg OPEC to increase production, and you buy solar panels from China.

HONORING AMERICA'S IMMIGRANTS

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to remind my colleagues of the contributions that immigrants have made to our country.

I want to direct your attention to the poster next to me. This is Corporal Jose Angel Garibay; he is a Dreamer who lived in my district and joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Jose Angel Garibay was the first serviceman from Orange County to be killed in action in Iraq. Jose Angel Garibay was a Dreamer who made the ultimate sacrifice for America.

Madam Speaker, if I can call your attention to a second poster. This is Gregoria, a farmworker who has risked her life during the worldwide pandemic to feed our country. Even during droughts and fire season in California, these farmworkers still went to work to make sure that our country was fed, and America was kept healthy. Gregoria has been living and working in my district for 28 years. She is a mother and breadwinner.

People like these two individuals, Gregoria and Jose Angel Garibay, have

earned the right to American citizenship. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to continue to fight for a pathway to citizenship for millions of individuals like Gregoria and Jose.

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

(Mr. SCHIFF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Equal Healthcare for All Act. Federal law protects against discrimination in housing, schooling, and employment.

But equitable access to healthcare remains broadly unprotected, the consequences of which are deadly: for Black women who are more likely to die during childbirth, for Hispanic individuals who suffer from higher rates of chronic diseases, for LGBTQ individuals who postpone medical treatment for fear of discrimination.

For the first time in our Nation's history, my bill would make equitable healthcare a protected civil right. And it will be another important step towards breaking down the barriers of discrimination in our country.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Dwayne Hall, a community leader and good friend, for his efforts to conceptualize and advance this bill. The importance of those efforts cannot be understated.

BETTER MANAGEMENT FOR OUR FEDERAL FORESTS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I just wanted to point out, as a result of the over 2 million acres of fire that have happened in California, the next thing that happens is when the winter comes, and the rains come—like we are having so much now—the deluge of rain caused after the forest fires because of unmanaged forests the erosion that we are seeing here.

This example here is Highway 70 running through Butte County and Plumas County. The rockslide you see here is part of the fire scar. So when we lose all that foliage, you get erosion.

What does erosion mean? Not just the highway being closed, but this washes into, in this case Feather River, on down into Lake Oroville, which is a water source for 25 million people in California.

So why is this important? Because we have to do a much better job of managing our Federal forests, our Federal lands, and we are not doing that. We are not doing it speedily enough because we have so much to catch up on, yet every year millions of acres of forest land burn. This is just one of the results here.

The lost transportation. The water quality that affects so many people is

going to be negatively affected by this lack of action. We need the Forest Service to move rapidly towards not only mitigating the fires from this year with erosion, but also manage these lands so we don't have these horrific fires.

GO ASTROS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I want everybody to know there is breaking news, and you are going to see something exciting on the floor of the House tomorrow.

First of all, Go Astros. The big orange is rolling into Atlanta. And I know the red, white, and blue is in Atlanta, called the Braves. But we are coming in because there is nothing more meteoric than the Astros.

And breaking news, we will be on the floor tomorrow with some exciting challenges. Go Astros, all the way to the World Series.

But I don't mind accepting a challenge, and tomorrow I think we will have some folks from Atlanta and Georgia and some folks from Texas and Houston on the floor tomorrow with some breaking news. Go Astros.

HELP FOR OUR RETURNING SERVICEMEN AND SERVICEWOMEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ZELDIN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the topic of our Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, our servicemen and—women have sacrificed so much in their courageous fight for our exceptional Nation and our freedoms. Unfortunately, when our veterans return home from the battlefield, too often they find that their fight has just begun.

My home county in New York, Suffolk, boasts one of the highest concentrations of veterans in the country, and we pride ourselves on our rich history and commitment to serving our Nation's veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that approximately 20 veterans per day take their own life, oftentimes plagued with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

One of those suffering was PFC Joseph Dwyer, an Iraq war veteran from

Mount Sinai, New York. As an Army combat medic, PFC Dwyer was the face of the Iraq war. In 2003, this photo next to me was taken of Joe carrying an injured Iraqi child to safety, and it went viral worldwide.

Unfortunately, when he came back home to Long Island he returned with the mental wounds of war, and after years of struggling, he lost his battle with PTSD in 2008. It is important to note that Joe didn't commit suicide. He was seeking temporary relief from his pain, and his last words were: I don't want to die.

Understanding that PFC Dwyer was just one of the local veterans struggling, I created the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Program as a New York State senator in 2012. The Dwyer program is modeled as a peer-to-peer support program for veterans struggling with PTSD and TBI.

This model provides a safe, confidential, and educational platform where all veterans are welcome to meet with other veterans in support of each other's successful transition to post-service life and seeks to build vet-to-vet relationships that enhance positive change.

The Dwyer program also incorporates a variety of therapeutic activities, such as horse training and fishing that provide for common experiences, learning, and personal growth.

Suffolk County served as one of four test counties in New York, and since then, with the dedication and hard work of so many exceptional men and women, the program has successfully expanded to more than 25 counties across New York, saving lives and assisting tens of thousands of New York veterans battling PTSD and TBI.

The program has been so successful that the New York State budget for fiscal year 2022 included a 22 percent increase in funding for the Dwyer program. The way the program is organized, by providing grants to localities, it has allowed each county to customize its individual program to fit individual needs and resources they have available while running an efficient and effective program.

Each county only receives between \$100,000 and \$300,000 from the State, and what they manage to do with that money is incredible.

Its continued track record of success is why I introduced bipartisan legislation, H.R. 1476, the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act, to expand the Dwyer program nationally by authorizing the VA Secretary to make grants available to State and local entities, to carry out peer-to-peer mental health programs all across our Nation and help ensure that all of our Nation's veterans have access to the support they need.

This important legislation has earned the support of 14 veteran advocacy organizations, including: The American Legion, Military Veterans Advocacy, Blinded Veterans Association, Military Order of the Purple